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Kake Village, Alaska, Nov. 26, 1898.
Mr. Editor:

On the afternoon of the 22d two of our Indians brought a white man to our house, John Hicks by name, from near Tacoma, Washington. He was a first-class passenger on the steamer Utopia that burned in Frederic Sound on the evening of the 14th of this month.

He and three other men occupied a room next to the captains. He said there was a terrific explosion. On awakening he found the fire coming out of the captain's room into their room. Rushing out to the hose he found the captain's door locked, he being in the pilot house. He broke in a window and saw the lamp lying on the floor. Finding the hose would not work, it being disabled below, his next thought was to get a boat to save the women and children, who were in the social hall. The passage aft was burning, so he had to go below and pass through the engine room to get to the boat. The rope was burned, so he pushed the boat off and jumping into the water, got into the boat and found no oars nor any drifting on the windward side. The rim of the ship caught his boat and capsized it. It being very dark he was some time in getting to it. Thus he battled with an angry sea, from 7 or 8 p. m. until 10 a. m. the 15th, holding on to the keel and sometimes astraddle it and washed off about every fourth or fifth wave until he drifted to the shore of Kuprinoff Island, near Portage Bay. Wringing his under clothes out, they being all he had on, he proceeded to find some habitation. Thus he traveled for eight days without food and barefooted over barnacled rocks and crawling over cliffs.

At night he buried his feet in moss which he would find frozen next morning and on taking it off he would stand in fresh water to take the frost out. He had laid down to die and where the tide could wash him off, when he heard singing, and, raising up, he saw, rounding a point, a canoe, which took him in and clothed and cared for him that night. His feet were badly frozen cut and bleeding.

We dressed his feet and made him as comfortable as we could in bed and gave him nourishment; but since the first 18 hours he has lain quite unconscious and is feverish at this writing. We had hoped Wm. Tammar-ree would be able to take him over to Wrangel for medical aid.

One of his room mates was the son of a Chicago banker, but he could not recall his name.

One of the lady passenger's parents had a store in Skagway. He feared he was the only one of the 40 passengers who lived to tell the story. The steamer was loaded, principally, with hay and apples. The last he saw was a blaze about a hundred feet high and he heard the cries of the people.

One of the passengers asked the captain if he had better not stop and anchor till morning, but he would not do it.

The young man is about six feet in height, black hair, dark eyes, 26 years of age. Gives his name as John Hicks, his mothers as Lizzie Hicks, P. O. Tacoma, Wash., General Delivery.

S. R. MOON,

Missionary.

[Later.—The man has since died and was buried by the Indians. Ed.]

NOTICE.

To Whom it May Concern.

The undersigned H. E. Goldthwaite and E. D. Stratford having been designated and detailed to act as a Board whose duty it is to go upon the land sought to be entered as the Townsite of Wrangel, Alaska, as provided by paragraph 24 of the regulations of the Department of the Interior, of June 3rd, 1891, (12 L. D. 583) as amended February 17th, 1896 (22 L. D. 119) and further amended October 27th 1898, and determine and designate what lands should be eliminated from said Townsite survey and to enquire into the several private claims and Church claims held in said Townsite under Russian conveyance, as originally

granted and claimed at the date of the acquisition of Alaska by this Government and into the claims for land therein, not exceeding 640 acres in one tract occupied as Missionary Stations on March 3rd, 1891, and to fix and determine the proper metes and bounds of said Church, Missionary and private claim.

You are therefore hereby notified that said board will from and after this date proceed to hear testimony in regard to any such claims, at the office of the United States Commissioner, in the Court House at Wrangel, and will continue such hearing from day to day until all such claims are finally disposed of by said Board. You are further notified of your right to submit testimony and documents, either in person or by Attorney, of any claim you may have to any of the lands located within the proposed Townsite of Wrangel, as shown by the survey and field notes of said proposed Townsite, certified copies of which are in our hands and open to your inspection. You are further notified of your right, within thirty days from receipt of notice of the conclusions of this Board, to file an appeal therefrom with this Board for transmission to the General Land Office.

You are further notified and requested to appear before said Board without delay in order that a day may be fixed when you will present your testimony, if any you have, in support of any claim you may have to any property which may be included in said proposed Townsite, and subject to reservation as hereinafter set forth.

Dated at Wrangel, Alaska, this 29th day of November, 1898.

H. E. GOLDTHWAITE,
E. D. STRATFORD.

Masonic Funeral.

The Masonic brethren residing in Wrangel, took charge of the remains of Lewis Jones Lewis and buried him with masonic ceremonies on Sunday last. It was Mr. Lewis' last request that the masons bury him, and while there is no regular lodge of masons in Wrangel, but we trust there soon will be, the brothers got together on Saturday, in the Journal office, and decided to carry out brother Lewis' request. T. A. Willson acting as master and Mr. Bennett as chaplain, they met at the courthouse on Sunday morning and escorted the body to the opera house where the services were conducted. On the coffin were placed his apron, the American flag and a beautiful wreath of chrysanthemums. After the services a large number of old-time friends followed the procession to the wharf where the body was then taken by boat to the cemetery.

"How his life-path has been trod,
Brothers, we will leave to God;
Friendship's mantle, trusting faith,
Lends a fragrance, even to death."

Treasures From The Deep.

Our bay swarms with the fine denizens and of late the toothsome cod rise in serene majesty under the persuasion of stout lines and busy fingers.

On Wednesday last the waters yielded up a supplemental treasure in three barrels of pork and a kedge anchor, relics of the unfortunate Brixham, brought up on a small boat which swamped at the landing slip of the McKinnon wharf, a day or two ago.

Mr. Andrew W. Johnsen, a diver with 14 years experience, panicked in that multifarious and incongruous thing yeelp, a divers suit, sunk gracefully into the drink and exhumed the pork and the iron emblem of hope, in the course of an hour. He did not hand up any submarine bouquets, Canadian currency or gold bracelets. He saw no mermaids as they had gone to Cottonwood island to hold a potlatch.

Mr. Johnsen is a clear headed, practical man whose experience would interest the reader had we the space to tell them. He is equipped with machinery for raising wrecked vessels and is in a position at short notice to respond to a call of that character whenever an exigency demands it.

Quite a crowd gathered on the wharf to witness his performance which was voted O. K. nemine contradictione.

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Who Will be Trustee?

The board of examiners for the townsite of Wrangel will recommend the name of someone for the office of Trustee. Now, the gentlemen composing that board are comparatively strangers to the citizens of Wrangel and will have to be aided in making the selection by the citizens.

Citizens, who is your choice? "Speak now, or forever after hold your peace."

We have made several inquiries and so far have only heard the name of one man mentioned. We have known that man for several years and knowing him to be a man above reproach and a man capable of holding the position and doing honor to the office as well as to himself, we, therefore move, that the name of J. L. Romer be presented to the Board of Examiners as the unanimous choice of the citizens of Wrangel, for the position of Trustee.

Kind Words.

From Fort Wrangel, away up where the gold grows so plentifully, comes the Stikeen River Journal, a neat, new paper with an enviable advertising patronage. The Journal has J. R. McKend for editor and T. G. Wilson for business manager, and we'll bet \$400 to a dried apple that they can make a paper stick 'e'en in the frozen north. Skagit County Times, Sedro, Wash.

The News-Herald acknowledges the receipt of the Stikeen River Journal, published at Fort Wrangel, Alaska, by our old friend T. G. Wilson, formerly of Burlington. Tom is a newspaper man of wide experience and the Journal will no doubt flourish under his able management.—The News-Herald, Mt. Vernon, Wash.

T. G. Wilson ("Tug"), at one time connected with the Tacoma World, is now business manager of the Stikeen River Journal, published weekly at Wrangel, Alaska. The Journal is not a very large sheet—5-column quarto—but it is bright, breezy, well supplied with advertisements and is slated at the modest sum of \$3 a year, or 10 cents per copy. On the whole it looks as though there ought to be money in that proposition.—New Herald, Tacoma, Wash.

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It will make you hungry to drop into Reid & Sylvester's and see their fresh stock of citron, orange and lemon peel, big fat seeded raisins, clean currants, genuine N. O. molasses, mince meat, and Louch & Augustine's Queen butter. Drop in and get hungry.

Regular Church Services—Presbyterian Church.

Services for Natives, 11 a. m., and 4 p. m. Sunday and 4 p. m. Wednesday.

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The following article taken from the Sitka "Alaskan" is timely and to the point:

In the coming month of December Congress will meet, but it is not likely that much, if anything, will be done as the House will adjourn for the holidays. Now, however, is the time for some action to be taken with regard to the needs of Alaska's people. Our position, at present, is similar to that of some poor, miserable child who has been neglected by its brutal mother and whose outcry for care and sustenance is totally unheeded. What is the reason of this neglect? Perhaps no investment in the history of the world ever brought in such returns as that of the purchase of Alaska. The seven millions expended has been repaid over and over again, and directly from the resources of the territory. No pecuniary aid, no subsidy has ever been requested of the government and all for which we have ever asked is that the Homestead Laws be extended to the District, that a delegate be received in Congress to represent us and that the notoriously obnoxious liquor law be repealed. Now, in our mind, we are doubtful as to the propriety of asking to much at once. We have always been of the opinion that it is better to go slowly in such important matters and seek only for one grant at a time. Had this been originally carried out we certainly believe that one of the three requirements would have been attended to. True the Land Laws have assumed some shape but we seem as far away from homestead laws as we were in the beginning. What would be the result of this same law being passed? Why it is plain that the country would become more thickly settled and within a very short period we could claim the right of territorial government. People are shy of attempting to make a home in a country where they are likely, at any moment, to be ejected from that home at the will and pleasure of the government. In every other country if a man fence in a piece of land and build unto himself a house thereon he turns with pride to it and exclaims "this is my home." Here he cannot do so. Uncle Sam will say "you may squat there if you like, but eventually I may require that home of yours and although I may partially remunerate you for the improvements you have seen fit to make, you will have to 'git'." Now, had we, in the first instance, asked solely for a delegate he could have represented all this in the proper quarter and at the proper time, and one boon being granted others would be likely to follow.

But it cannot be denied, the vexed question is that of the liquor law. Article 3d Treaty of Cession of Alaska to the United States by Russia, dated March 30th, 1867, reads:

The inhabitants of the ceded territory, according to their choice, reserving their natural allegiance may return to Russia within three years; but if they should prefer to remain in the ceded territory, they, with the exception of the uncivilized native tribes, shall be admitted to the enjoyment of all the rights, advantages and immunities of citizens of the United States, and shall be maintained and protected in the free enjoyment of their liberty, property and religion.

"As far back as 1885 THE ALASKAN said: 'At this date the inhabitants of the ceded territory have no voice in any legislative body by which the defects in her anomalous civil government can be remedied and no means of acquiring title to a home in Alaska.'"

"And now at this date, thirteen years having elapsed, it is the same story.

Not only are the Russians "not admitted to the enjoyments of all the rights, advantages and immunities of citizens of the United States," but even born Americans are excluded from the privilege. We have no more "rights" nor "advantages" than the "uncivilized tribes." We are treated by our own government as if we were Indians. What argument can the government bring to bear upon this question in its favor? None. Thousands of dollars are spent annually in the Customs service to prevent the importation of intoxicating liquors and with all this expenditure of public money, of our money in fact, every Revenue officer and every citizen knows that the contraband article comes into the district in hundreds of gallons and all the preventive force employed by Uncle Sam cannot restrain the flow. By repealing the hateful and hated law, all these thousands can be saved, the people will recognize that they are free, as they should be in a free land, a higher and less harmful brand of liquors can be imported, the United States government will reap the benefit in the tax paid upon home-manufactured material which is now lost through the article being smuggled from foreign countries and then money will flow into the treasury

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L. H. Wakefield arrived from the South this morning.

We will give the Juneau court notes in our next issue.

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Mrs. Jack Lindsay left on Sunday last to join her husband at Juneau.

Geo. Baronavitch is suffering with a very severe attack of pneumonia.

Dr. McAlpin has moved his office to the upstairs of the McKinnon Block.

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Chas. Darwell, Superintendent for R. B. Bell, will spend the winter in Wrangel.

Jos. Baronavitch, of Carter Bay, arrived on the Farallon and will winter in Wrangel.

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Case and Wilson bought a bear skin this week that measured over 8 feet from tip to tip.

Judge Fred Page-Tustin, H. E. Goldthwaite and E. D. Stratford were callers at the Journal office this week.

Miss Millie Sylvester, who has been ill for the past two weeks, is rapidly improving and expects to be out in a day or two.

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On her return trip from the north, the Farallon will steer an unusually crooked course to Seattle, caused by a call to Howcan, Prince of Wales Island.

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J. C. Phelps, an old-time friend of ours, called on his way south on Thursday last. J. C. is just from the Atlin country where we understand he has made a rich strike. He intends to return in the spring.

M. Manson, former agent at Wrangel, for R. Dunsmuir and Sons, is now in charge of the Shipping department at Union Wharf. In a letter to G. A. McCulloch he wishes to be remembered to his Wrangel friends.

When you want to buy anything patronize the merchants who advertise in the Journal. As a rule you will find that the men who help support the local paper are live, progressive and wide-awake and accommodating to their customers.

R. B. Bell and family, have moved into the Thomas residence and will spend the winter in Wrangel. Mr. Bell has been engaged in salting salmon at his fishing station at Thorn Bay, on Prince of Wales Island during the summer. This has been the banner year for him and he feels good.

A social ball was given at the Victoria House last evening by J. A. Hunter and Corporal Walton, which was a success in every respect, especially in the music by Prof. Edson and friend. The young folks of Wrangel will be assured of an evening well spent, to attend any balls given in the future by the same parties.

E. D. Stratford, editor of the Roseberg, Oregon, Plaindealer, and one of the Examiners of Surveys for the town-sites in Alaska dropped into our sanctum for a few moments on Friday. He is one of those good natured, but at the same time, not-to-be-trifled-with men, and from the conversation we had with him we are satisfied that as far as he and his associate Mr. Goldthwaite are concerned every body will get a square deal.

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Mr. Geo. T. Williams, former Sec. of the Y. M. C. A. is now on his way east from Seattle. He is bound for Butler, Pa., the home of Dr. V. McAlpin, with whom he intends to take up the study of dentistry. Mr. Williams intended to make a through trip when he left Wrangel, but was delayed in Seattle, a few weeks.

Geo. B. Leach, publisher of the Alaska Mining Record, was a passenger for the South on the Rosalie, last evening. He made the Journal a friendly visit and informed us that this is his first trip to the Sound in five years. We advised him to leave the Seattle embraces alone and to dash the slugs into any one who tried to make an impression on him.

J. M. McIntosh, a passenger on the Laurada, and a recent resident of Dawson City, was, on Monday evening last, severely bitten by a dog which he had just purchased from Pat Loftus. Mr. McIntosh was immediately taken to Dr. Lapsley's office where his wounds were dressed and he proceeded north the next morning.

We have received No. 1 Vol. I of the Douglass Island News. Our old friends A. G. McBride and C. A. Hopp are at the helm. It is a neat, clean sheet and the advertising columns look healthy. A. G. is a good fellow and we hope the Douglass Island people will show their appreciation by subscribing for and advertising in the Douglass Island News.

The Ladies' Aid Society.

The Ladies Aid Society will meet on Thursday afternoon the eighth of Dec., at the house of the president, Mrs. Bennett. All ladies please bring thimble, darning needle and bright colored wools. Anybody having anything to donate to the Christmas tree will do well to consult with the society on that day.

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